

ICA Handbook of International Trends in Environmental Communication Call for proposals

Deadline for abstract submission (500 words): May 1st, 2019

Environmental communication is a growing area of research. New undergraduate and postgraduate courses, journals, edited volumes, conferences, and associations or divisions of those signal interest in environmental communication from both communication scholars and scholars from other disciplines such as psychology, sociology, political science, and environmental studies, among others. Rising global environmental challenges and public action to manage them in the last decades present a unique opportunity for environmental communication scholars to critically reflect on the past, examine present trends, and start envisioning exciting and promising new methodologies, theories and areas of research.

The Routledge Handbook of International Trends in Environmental Communication (published with the International Communication Association) is aimed at providing a comprehensive review of the field by pushing existing scholarly boundaries. In particular, the handbook will incorporate various international experiences, diverse epistemological perspectives, exciting new methodologies, and interdisciplinary theoretical frameworks. Authors from various countries will critically review the genesis and evolution of environmental communication research in overview, theoretical, methodological, and practical chapters and thus analyze current issues in environmental communication from an international perspective. The handbook will allow any newcomer to the field have a comprehensive overview of the field and its current trends, and assist seasoned scholars identify new directions for their research.

The proposed handbook will be the first major attempt to provide an inclusive survey of environmental communication research from around the world. In order for the chapters to be truly international and interdisciplinary, we invite authors from around the world to collaborate and share their approaches to environmental communication research.

Suggested areas of focus for the handbook include, but are not limited to:

- Advertising and the environment
- Big data in environmental communication research
- Communicating about environmental issues across workplace and organizational settings
- Communicating about environmental issues with religious groups and leaders
- Edutainment in environmental communication
- Environmental behavior change perspectives
- Environmental communication and non-for-profit organizations
- Environmental communication and policymakers
- Environmental communication and social movements
- Environmental communication in film, literature, and the arts
- Environmental journalism

- Environmental justice and communication
- Environmental communication, traditional knowledge, and indigenous populations
- Media effects in the context of environmental issues
- Critical-humanist approaches
- Neurocognitive science and environmental communication
- Rhetorical perspectives of environmental issues
- Visual environmental communication

Instructions for Authors

If you would like to contribute a chapter, please e-mail an abstract of 500 words by May 1st, 2019 to Bruno Takahashi (btakahas@msu.edu) with “ICA Handbook” as the subject. Abstracts should be accompanied by academic CVs. Late submissions might be considered on a case-by case basis. Notification of acceptance will be given by the end of May. Completed chapters will be expected by August, 31st 2019.

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